Implant-supported overdentures provide clinicians with a cost-effective means of restoring the edentulous arch. Various attachment systems have been implemented in the fabrication of these prostheses. The key to a predictable restorative outcome is planning ahead for the desired abutment and attachment before dental implants are placed.

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

- Describe various attachment systems used for implant overdentures.
- Realize the importance of prosthetically-driven implant and abutment planning for overdenture therapy.
- Understand the impact of implant divergence and restorative space requirements for implant overdentures.

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